

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Growth Management Act (GMA) requires early and continuous public participation in the development and amendment of comprehensive land use plans and development regulations to implement the plan (RCW 36.70A.140). King County Ordinance 13147 provides the basis for the county's public participation program and requires that the public receive a notice of intent to amend the comprehensive plan and development regulations at the same time that the state is given notice. GMA requires state notice at least sixty days before adoption of an amendment (RCW 36.70A.106). The purpose of this notice is to provide public notice for a change to a development regulation.

The Department of Development and Environmental Services (DDES) intends to forward the following described proposed ordinance in mid-2005 to the Executive for transmittal to the Metropolitan King County Council for consideration and adoption:

The proposed ordinance relates to procedures for code compliance; amending two sections of Chapter 20.24, several sections of Title 23, and adding new sections to Chapter 23.32 relating to the issuance and appeal of citations for violation of county codes. The purpose of the proposed ordinance is to provide additional flexibility to county departments in making the decision of whether to initiate an enforcement action, provide for an informal procedure to request a hearing on mitigating circumstances relating to the an alleged violation, and limit complainant appeals of code compliance decisions to alleged violations of county environmental codes. A more detailed summary of the proposed ordinance is attached.

A public meeting on the proposed ordinance will be held at the DDES Hearing Room on April 13, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Directions to the Department of Development and Environmental Services:

From I-405 Southbound: Take Exit #2 toward Renton. At the second stoplight, turn left onto SW 7th Street. Follow SW 7th Street for approx. ½ mile, turn left onto Oakesdale Avenue SW. DDES offices are on your left-hand side.

From I-5 Southbound: Take I-5 to I-405 toward Renton. Exit at Tukwila/West Valley Highway. Turn left and go under freeway to the light. Turn right at Grady Way. Turn left at Oakesdale Avenue SW and DDES offices are on your right-hand side.

Written comments may be sent to Harry Reinert, Department of Development and Environmental Services, 900 Oakesdale Avenue SW, Renton, Washington 98055-1219; Telephone (206) 296-7132; E-mail: harry.reinert@metrokc.gov. Comments received prior to the close of business on April 25, 2005 will be taken into consideration in preparing the proposal transmitted to the Executive for his consideration.

A copy of the draft proposed ordinance is located on the Department's Internet site at <http://www.metrokc.gov/ddes>. If you do not have Internet access at home or work, King County libraries provide public access to the Internet. You also may receive a copy of the draft proposed ordinance by mail by calling Nancy Jo Perdue at (206) 296-6709.

The Council will provide additional opportunities for public review and input during their deliberation of this proposal.